

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of June 14, 2016

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Steve Rosen, Chair

Kenita Barrow, Vice-Chair

Barbara Fredericks Claudia Herbert

Staff Member: Robert W. Cobb. Chief Counsel

Kelly Uhas, Program Specialist

- Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.
- Item 2. The minutes from the May 18, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.
- Item 3. Mr. Cobb gave an overview of compliance with filing requirements with respect to the annual financial disclosure cycle. While there were three people who had not yet filed a disclosure report, two of the three are on extended leave and will be expected to file on return to work. There are approximately 40 employees who are in a "returned" status, so their reports have not yet been accepted by Commission staff.
- Item 4. The Commission discussed the comments of Ed Lattner of the County Attorney's office to draft regulations that had been shared with him. The Commission directed Mr. Cobb to consider Mr. Lattner's suggestions, particularly as regards any opportunities to use alternative approaches to presentation of materials on the Commission's website, to maximize the ease of use of the materials by the public. Mr. Cobb is to consider in particular, what portions of the draft might be more appropriate for an instruction or other non-regulatory formulation. Also, Mr. Cobb is to continue to advocate for removing the Ethics Commission from the approval of police outside employment. The Commission

believes inviting the County Attorney's office to a Commission meeting might be appropriate in order to address unresolved issues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert W Coll

Robert W. Cobb Chief Counsel